Name of the state	*Sl. No*	*Name of the District*	*Literacy Rate*
1	*2*	*3*	*4*
	25.	Rohtas	30.55
	26.	Bhojpur	31.35
	27.	Ranchi	31.41
	28.	Nalanda	32.92
	29.	Singhbhum	34.59

[*English*]

Shortage of Drinking Water in Maharashtra

*6610. SHRI ANNA JOSHI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of towns where there was shortage of drinking water in Maharashtra during the years 1989-1990 and 1990-91;

(b) whether any financial assistance was provided to the State Government by the Union Government for overcoming said shortage of drinking water during the above mentioned periods;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (c). As per the scheme for financing the relief expenditure, which was in operation till 1989-90, each state Government was allocated certain amount known as 'margin money' for meeting the situation arising out of natural calamities. The State Government was required to submit memorandum seeking Central assistance in case they were unable to meet the situation out of funds available in the margin money. The Government of Maharashtra which had margin money of Rs. 13 crores, did not submit any memorandum during 1989-90 seeking Central assistance for scarcity conditions, including drought.

The scheme for financing the relief expenditure has been revised from 1-4-90 under which a Calamity Relief Funds has been constituted for each State, with contribution from the Central Government and the State Government in the ratio 3:1. The State Level Committee is empowered to decide all matter connected with financing of the relief expenditure. The Govt. of Maharashtra was allocated an amount of Rs. 44 cores in the Calamity Relief Fund, consisting of Rs. 33 crores as Central contribution and Rs. 11 crores as State contribution during 1990-91. The State Government incurred an expenditure of Rs. 39.44 crores which included on amount of Rs. 2.78 crores on drought relief.

(d) Does not arise.

Functions of H.D.F.C

*6111. SHRI KODIKKUNNIL SURESH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state: